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Office Action Summary

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Michael N. Opsasnick

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE _____ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yeldener (5890108).

As per claims 1,11,21, and 22, Yeldener (5890108) teaches a method for generating a new audio segment....based on a plurality of audio segments (abstract lines 1-7), the method comprising:

“locating a set of consecutive audio segments.....having a formant” as processing each frame (col. 4 lines 10-15);

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“removing the formant.....having a pitch” as extracting LPC features (col. 4 lines 15-20)

“processing the pitch.....residue segments” as extracting LSF features (col. 4 lines 21-30)

“adding the formant.....output audio segment” as using these features to regenerate the signal, and for interpolation, col. 4 lines 10-35

As per claims 2,12, and 23, Yeldener (5890108) teaches tracking the audio segments (Nth sample) during nonascertainable voice (col. 20 lines 10-40)

As per claims 3,13, and 24, Yeldener (5890108) teaches speech data packets (col. 6 lines 62-65)

As per claims 4,14, and 25, Yeldener (5890108) teaches determining the pitch of the set of residues (as pitch estimates; col. 11 lines 6-45)

As per claim 5,15, Yeldener (5890108) teaches formant removal using LPC (col. 11, lines 25-45)

As per claims 6,16, Yeldener (5890108) teaches pitch and residue segments using LPC (col. 7 lines 40-50)

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As per claims 7,17, and 27, Yeldener (5890108) teaches the formant having a variable value (as LSF's formula varies over the segment -- col. 20 lines 25-40)

As per claims 8,18, and 28, Yeldener (5890108) teaches overlap add operations (fig. 8 subblock 580)

As per claims 9,19 and 29, Yeldener (5890108) teaches scaling the overlap/audio segment to produce a scaled audio segment as weighting the filtered signal (col. 20 lines 61-66

As per claim 10, Yeldener (5890108) teaches adding the output audio segment to the audio signal in place of the given audio segment as interpolating between the audio segments (and replacing the boundary (abstract, line 19-25).

As per claim 26, Yeldener (5890108) teaches inverse filtering (col. 21 lines 48-67).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Modjeska et al (5390362)

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Vledhuis et al (6009384)

Yeldener et al (5774837)

Goldberg (6041297)

Goldberg et al (5706392)

Erkelens et al (LPC Interpolation.....)

Melih et al (Audio Source type.....)

Pellom et al (An Improved Constraint.....)

a. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (703)305-4089, who is available Monday - Thursday, 7AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Fan Tsang, can be reached at (703)305-4895. The facsimile phone number for this group is (703)308-6306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this applications should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-3900.

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